

HOUSE BILL 937

By Ferguson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8,
Chapter 14 and Section 40-14-210, relative to
public defenders.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-14-207, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection thereto:

(e) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the public defender in each respective judicial district shall be empowered to incrementally reduce salaries of all employees within the public defender's office as may be required to balance the district's budget for that fiscal year instead of reducing the number of employees. Any reduction in salary shall be restored when budget constraints are no longer applicable to such public defender's office and prior to the hiring of any new employees for that public defender's office.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.